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SUBJECT: GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM:
OMANI RESPONSE

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Classified By: DCM Alfred A. Fonteneau for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

¶1. (C) The Ambassador delivered reftel points and related documents on February 11 to Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yousef bin Alawi. The Ambassador noted that becoming a partner nation of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (Global Initiative) would complement Oman's current strong cooperation on export control and related border security (EXBS) programs, as well as its support for the Proliferation Security Initiative. Bin Alawi lauded the overall goals of the Global Initiative, and said that Oman would carefully consider our request to endorse its Statement of Principles.

¶2. (C) Comment: In keeping with its cautious and deliberative approach on these types of matters, it is unlikely that the Omani government will quickly agree to join the Global Initiative. Post will follow-up with government officials directly involved with proliferation and related issues to further encourage a positive Omani response. End Comment.
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